

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/844,705

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/23/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3,5 and 6.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 April 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

This application filed April 27, 2001 is a continuation of 09/443,766 filed November 19, 1999, now US Patent 6,596,923 (issued July 22, 2003) which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to PCT/US98/10318, filed May 20, 1998, which claims benefit to provisional application 60/047,181, filed May 20, 1997.

Applicants' after final amendment filed September 23, 2004, has been received and entered. Claims 1, 2 and 4 have been canceled. Claims 3 and 5 have been amended. Claims 3, 5 and 6 are pending and currently under examination.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The terminal disclaimer filed June 23, 2004, has been received and accepted. The filing of the disclaimer has obviated the obvious double patenting rejection over 6,596,923. With respect to the second double patenting rejection, Applicants' previous arguments and the amendments to the claims has sufficiently distinguished the instant claimed method of identifying and breeding swine resistant to toxigenic *E. coli* from the methods of increasing weight gain as claimed in 6,355,859.

As indicated in the previous office actions the claims are free of the art of record because while the art indicates that cell surface receptors on intestinal cells are the target molecules for *E. coli* colonization, and that the glycosylation on said receptors may be important in determining the ability of a particular *E. coli* to colonize the intestine, the art fails to specifically teach that an

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adenine at position 307 of the open reading frame of alpha (1,2) fucosyltransferase (FUT1) (SEQ ID NO: 12) can be correlated with resistance to *E. coli* strain F18 and possibly with the subsequent associated diseases. The amendment to the claims and Applicants' arguments have been fully considered and are found sufficient to address the remaining rejections of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Woitach whose telephone number is (571) 272-0739.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Reynolds, can be reached at (571) 272-0734.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group analyst Dianiece Jacobs whose telephone number is (571) 272-0532.

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